

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

Ned M. Smith

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO  
ASSIGN TRUST TO A KEY

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

Please reconsider the present application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page **2** of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **7** of this paper.